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REPRESENTING FILE SYSTEM  
METADATA WITHIN A DATABASE FOR  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2009, requiring restriction.